S. No.	Name of the Project/executing Agency/State	Capacity (M.W)
41.	TPS AT LAPANGA—(SAMALAI POWER CO.) ORISSA	500.00
42.	TPS AT BOMLAI—(INDECK BOMLAI ENERGY CENTRE) ORISSA	500.00
43.	TPS AT HIRMA—(CONSOLIDATED ELECTRIC POWER ASIA)—ORISSA	3960.00
44.	SAGARDIGHI—(SAGARDIGHI POWER CO. LTD.) WEST BENGAL	1000.00
45.	CCPP AT NAMRUP—(ASSAM VALLEY POWER CORPN.) ASSAM	120.00

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Base oil refinery in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh

1841. SHRI K.M. KHAN. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any private organisation has been permitted to set up a base oil refinery in the east coast of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with its objectives;

(c) whether such a refinery would reduce import of lubricants to a larger extent;

(d) whether Government propose to ask the said organisation or other organisations in private sector to set up similar refinery in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) LOI has been issued to M/s. Ashok Leyland, Madras to set up and operate an Oil Refinery of 2 MMTPA capacity in Orissa to produce range of lubricating oil base stocks (LOBS). The increased indigenous production of LOBS would help reduction of imports of the product.

(d) and (e) At present there is no such proposal.

Assistance from foreign countries and private companies in oil sector

1842. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought assistance from foreign countries and private companies in the oil sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the names of such oil fields;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached in this regard during the last six months;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the production of oil and natural gas is likely to increase as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) The oil sector has been opened up for private investment including foreign investment in the exploration and production of oil and gas, refining and marketing of petroleum products. There have been nine rounds of bidding for exploration and two rounds of bidding for the development of small-sized and medium-sized fields under production sharing arrangements. So far Government